

Government of the United States of America, or otherwise discharged according to law.

And to fulfill a last duty, I hereby inform the accused John F. Hoke, that he will not be surrendered, until after the expiration of fifteen days, and that he has a right to apply for a writ of *habeas corpus*, in the meantime.

[H. C. ST-P.]

INTERPRETATION OF STATUTE.

POLICE COURT.

Montreal December 6th, 1886.

C. A. DUGAS P. M.

REGINA

vs.

J. J. DUFFY AND J. B. A. MONGENAI.

On a charge of selling adulterated coffee

Held: That a subsequent special law has the effect of repealing by implication a previous one of a more general character ;

That the Order-in-Council passed under the adulteration of Food Act of 1885, by which a certain Public Analyst who had been appointed under the Act of 1884, was *reappointed* under the express condition of his undergoing an examination as to his competency as such analyst, said order in Council read together with the repealing clause of the Act of 1885, had the effect of putting an end to the former appointment of said analyst under the Act of 1884 ; and that, consequently the certificate of such analyst appointed under the last mentioned Act could not make proof of its contents, as is intended by section 11th of the Act of 1885.

Per curiam: The present prosecution is taken under the Adulteration of food Act of 1885 (48-49 Vic., chap 67), and charges the Defendants as co-partners, with having sold on the 24th day of August last adulterated coffee.